

**Smith House Skilled Nursing Facility
Board of Director's Meeting
Smith House
Thursday, June 25, 2015
8 A.M.**

Board Members Present: Chris Tasik, Ellen Bromley, Moira Colangelo, Dr. Robert Erikson, Mary Fedele, Anne Fountain (via telephone), Michael Handler (via telephone), Ted Jankowski, Lewis Pace, and Dr. Henry Yoon.

Member(s) Absent: Sharon Bradley, Sal Gabriele, Dorothy Mueller, Shelley Michelson,

Other Attendees: Robert Mislow, Robert Robitaille, members of Smith House Charles Nystrom, 1199 Representative, Robert Bryson Resident Family Member, various employees of Smith House.

Meeting called to order at 8:25AM by Chair Chris Tasik

- 1) The Board voted to allow Mr. Bryson and Mr. Nystrom to speak to the board for three minutes each.
 - a. Mr. Bryson spoke as a caregiver for someone who has been in Smith House for four years. He asked the board to put together a plan with goals and objectives for the future of Smith House. Mr. Bryson provided a list of ten recommendations to Chair Tasik.
 - b. Mr. Nystrom spoke about the protracted negotiations between the City of Stamford and 1199. He reported that 1199 was willing to accept concessions in exchange for job security for employees. He asked the board to help stop the Request for Proposals put out by the City with regards to other labor sources and outsourcing at Smith House.
- 2) **Minutes:** The minutes of the May 21, 2015 meeting were approved.
- 3) **Chairman's Report** –Mr. Tasik described the four possible Smith House committees and asked that the members consider on which committee they would like to participate.

- 4) **Election of Officers** – The present slate of officers was unanimously voted into office for the next year. Mr. Tasik – Chair, Ms. Bradley and Ms. Fountain, Vice Co-Chairs, Ms. Colangelo, Secretary.
- 5) **Financial Report** –Mr. Robitaille reviewed the financial statements and reported that the Smith House occupancy rate continues to hold at 89%; one percentage point above the Fairfield County and State averages. Smith House is down \$1.1 million in cash and expenses are running \$300k below 2014 spending levels. A discussion ensued regarding the City allocation of Pension and Benefit costs (OPEB). Mr. Tasik commented that there are valid concerns regarding the State budget and what will happen at Smith House if Medicaid revenue decreases. Wages and Benefits make up approximately 80% of Smith House expenses. Mr. Robitaille has been working with the City legal department to determine if outside counsel can be engaged to collect receivables. It was done in the past with success.
- 6) **Committee Member Designation** – Mr. Tasik noted that there are four committees under the Smith House charter – Operations, Marketing, Financial and Medical. The board needs to insure that all committees meet and are functioning.
- 7) **Executive Session-** -The board voted to go into Executive Session regarding a personnel matter.
- Ms. Colangelo left the meeting at 9:30AM.
- 8) **With no further business:** The meeting was adjourned after returning from Executive Session at 9:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted by

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Secretary/Chair